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Examiner: Stephen Kenny


For: CLOSURE DEVICE AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLY

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The office Action set forth a restriction requirement. In particular, the Office Action found that applicant's instant application contains the following groups of inventions which are not linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1: Group I, claim(s) 1-57, drawn to method and apparatus for assembling a slider onto fastening strips and Group II,